HIKARI...?
IS THAT YOUR NAME...?
WAA!!
THAT I SAID "HIKARI" THEN...
OR IS IT THAT...

YEA!
I'M HIKARI!
IYA
MORE THAN THAT
?
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WAAAA!
SO BIG... SO BIG...

WOAH
WOAH
WOAH
I'M NOT WAITING!
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WAIT A SEC, WAIT A SEC...
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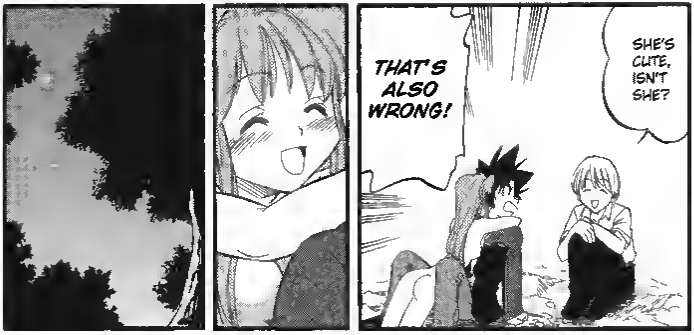
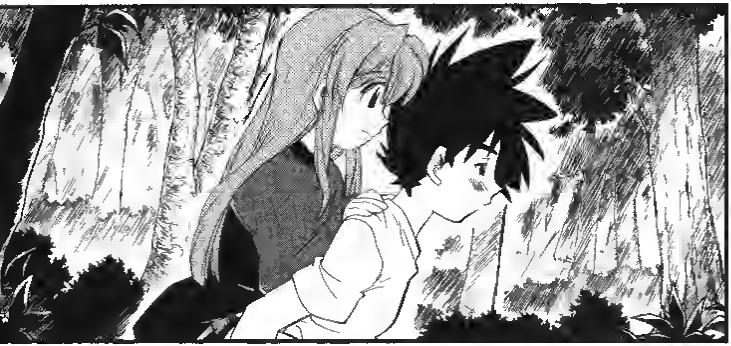
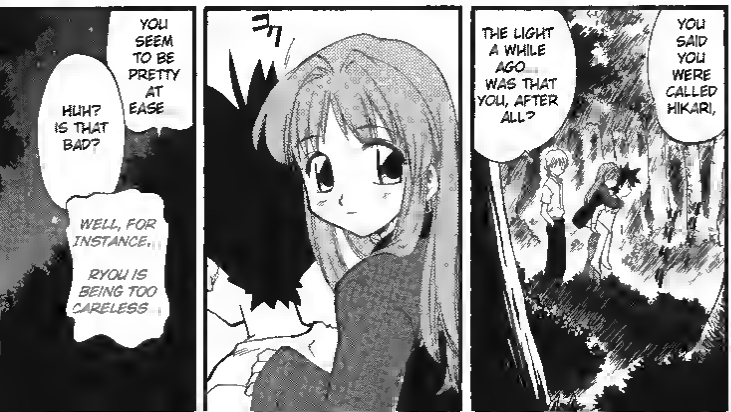

SHE'S CUTE, ISN'T SHE?
THAT'S ALSO WRONG!




YOU SEEM TO BE PRETTY AT EASE
HUH? IS THAT BAD?
WELL, FOR INSTANCE,
RYOU IS BEING TOO CARELESS
THE LIGHT A WHILE AGO... WAS THAT YOU, AFTER ALL?
YOU SAID YOU WERE CALLED HIKARI,

FOR ONE THING, THIS IS WEIRD...
IT'S NOT A NORMAL THING FOR A GIRL TO DROP FROM THE SKY LIKE A SHOOTING STAR...
I REALLY CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S HUMAN...
WELL ISN'T THIS GOOD?
AND SHE MATCHES WHAT I DREW BASED UPON THE KIND OF GIRL THAT TAKERU LIKES PERFECTLY...
SHE IS CUTE...
ALSO, THAT GIRL...
LOOKS GOOD WHEN SHE IS TOGETHER WITH TAKERU.
...!
?

THERE'S NO CHOICE
WELL, YOU'RE DEFINITELY BETTER AT SITUATIONS LIKE THIS THAN ME, RIGHT?
SO, YOU WON'T LET HER GET AWAY?
WHEN YOU CAME TO THIS STAR, THE FIRST PERSON YOU MET WAS TAKERU...
AND IF HE EVEN GAVE YOU YOUR NAME...
I DON'T THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT HE BECAME YOUR ONLY PILLAR OF STRENGTH...
?
THAT'S ENOUGH I SAID!
SO, ARE YOU GONNA RENAME HER "SWALLOW"? HOW ABOUT "SPARROW"?
THE ONE TO NAME HER SHOULD BE YOU AFTER ALL, TAKERU
YOU'RE LIKE THE MOTHER BIRD NOW, AREN'T YOU?*

*T/L NOTE: WHEN HE SAYS THIS IN JAPANESE HE SAYS "TORI NO SURIKOMI DA NA" AN EXPRESSION WHICH USES "TORI" MEANING BIRD.
-ED NOTE: "SURIKOMI" MEANS IMPRINTING. AS IN WHEN A BABY BIRD FIRST HATCHES FROM IT'S EGG, IT RECOGNIZES THE FIRST THING IT SEES AS IT'S MOTHER.

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YOU'RE SHAKING ?

SHE'S ANXIOUS, THIS GIRL
THERE'S NO REASON TO BE AFRAID. SOMETHING JUST FELL, THATS ALL.
I'M FINE
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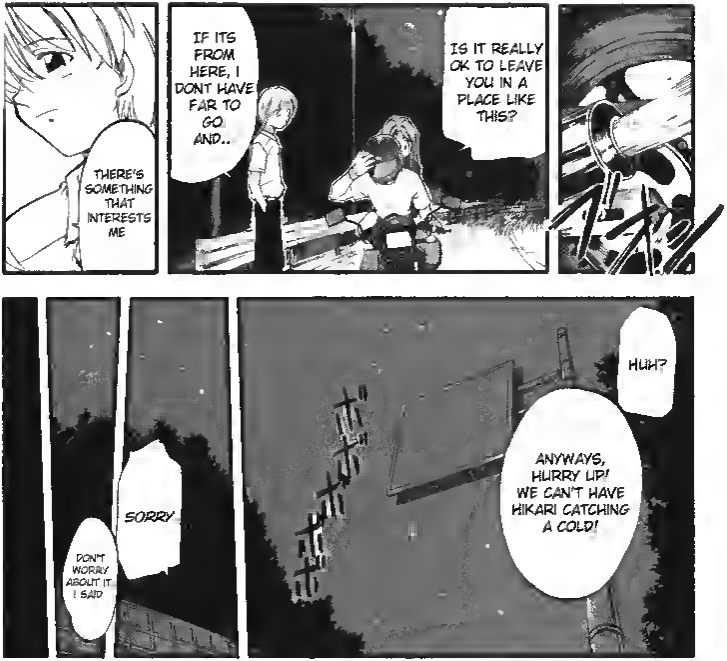
(DOKI = HEART BEAT)

IT WOULD BE LONELY TO BE LEFT BEHIND, WOULDN'T IT?
...AND SAD TOO...
IN THIS KIND OF PLACE
I AM... TAKERU TAKEMOTO
DON'T MAKE THAT ANXIOUS FACE
SINCE THERES NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
THAT KIND OF THING...
IT'S FINE!
SHOULDN'T I BE THE ONE WHO KNOWS IT BEST OF ALL?

I DEFINITELY WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE.
ITS FINE IF IT'S LIKE THAT, RIGHT.
HIKARI?
WA
WA
WAA
WA
WA
TAKERU!
TAKERU!


THERE'S SOMETHING THAT INTERESTS ME
IF ITS FROM HERE, I DONT HAVE FAR TO GO AND..
IS IT REALLY OK TO LEAVE YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
SORRY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT I SAID
HUH?
ANYWAYS, HURRY UP! WE CAN'T HAVE HIKARI CATCHING A COLD!
... THE THING THAT I CAN
MUGYU
AND FIND THE THING THAT I CAN DO
ANYWAYS FIRST LET'S CONSULT THE OLD MAN IN TOWN

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BECAUSE OF RYOU, I FEEL STRANGE
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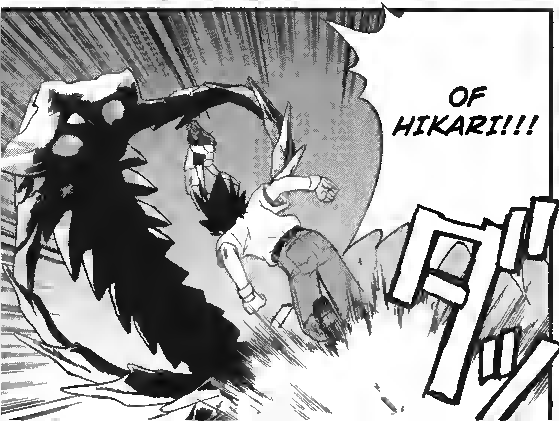
ARE YOU OK, HIKARI?
HURH

WHA... WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
A MONSTER?!
TAKE...
TAKE ...RU

TAKE...
KYAAAAAAA!
AHHH!
YAA!


OF HIKARI!!!

LET... GO...

TAKERU!!
TAKERU!!

HIKARI IS GONNA BE KILLED
WHAT ON EARTH?

HANG IN THERE...
TAKERU...
DONT... DIE!
TA... KERU...
PLEASE...
TAKERU!

DON'T JUST...
ARBITRARILY KILL HER...
TAKERU!!!

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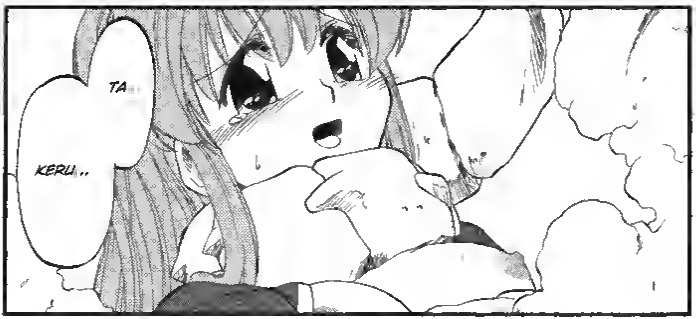
I SAID THAT I WOULDN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE.
DIDN'T !!?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DAAAAA!

WHAT? WHAT WAS THAT VOICE JUST NOW?
THAT DIRECTION IS DEFINITELY...
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MARI?
IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT TAKERU-CHAN, HE HASN'T COME BACK YET.
AH!
NO, THAT'S WRONG! I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT THAT FREE-LOADER!
YES, YES...

huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
WHA
WHAT
HAPPENED?
SOMETHING
ON MY
BODY

THIS ... DID I REALLY DO THIS?
MORE THAN THAT...

HIKARI...
HIKARI!!!
WHERE'S HIKARI?
SHIT!
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?
I SAID NOT TO WORRY THAT IT WAS OK...
AND THAT I WOULDN'T LEAVE HER ALONE...
SHIT!

HIKARI!!
HIKARI!
HIKARI!!!!!!
Hi
Hi
Take

HIKARI!
HIKARI...

IT'S OK NOW...
BECAUSE THE SCARY THOUGHTS CAN NO LONGER COME...
NO LONGER
NEVER AGAIN WILL I EVER LEAVE YOU ALONE

[ROUTE:2 おわり]

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